

Albert György - Emptiness ("Melancholia")

This statue is called "Emptiness" and was created by a grieving parent. It is a great attempt at describing how a parent feels after losing a child.



The Romanian sculptor with his work:



A SCULPTURE THAT CREATES INTENSE EMOTION by Mary Friona-Celani

It is called Melancolie. And it is heartbreakingly beautiful. The artwork created by Albert György, living in Switzerland, but born in Romania, can be found in Geneva in a small park on the promenade, Quai du Mont Blanc along the shore of Lake Geneva.

More than 11 million people have viewed it from Facebook. György was born in Romania in 1949. He lived in isolation and sadness after his first wife died, so he understands grief. He was given what he calls in reports, "A second slope" of his life where he is able to enjoy freedom.

The sculptor developed a special alloy of copper and tin which he used for his work, which is revered by many. One quote states, "In its complexity and diversity, the visionary art of Albert György testifies to a personal dialectic between suffering and happiness. Nothing decorative or talkative in this game of creative tension leading to a living alloy, imbued with the purest necessity."

The incredible, heartbreaking artwork is extremely touching and very emotional. Reading the comments on the Facebook post show the power of love. A mother's love, a father's love, grandparents' love, love of siblings, friends and strangers. The thought of losing a child is unimaginable. But for many, it's all too real and some have written that this sculpture depicts how they feel...an emptiness. John Maddox wrote, "We may look as if we carry on with our lives as before. We may even have times of joy and happiness. Everything may seem 'normal.' But THIS, 'Emptiness,' is how we all feel...all the time."